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IMMORTALIZED EPITHELIAL TUMOR CELL

Group Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: A. Harris

AMENDMENT AND REPLY **UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This responds to the Office Action mailed February 17, 2000, and is filed within the three month statutory period. It is believed that no fee is due, but in the event a fee is due, please consider this paragraph as the request for the extension of time and an authorization to withdraw the appropriate fee from Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, following the title and as the first sentence of the specification insert This application claims priority to International Application PCT/EP96/02474, filed on June 26, 1996 and Foreign Application (European) 95109860.7, filed June 23, 1995.

On page 18, line 10, delete "For further explanations see Example 9" and replace it with -Fig. 5A shows tumor specific bands and Fig. 5B shows bands specific for CK+

cells.

On page 30, line 2, change "5a" to --5A—and in line 3, change "5b" to --5B--.